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SUBJ: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BY GOC AND "TFSC"

REF: A) BEIRUT 12365; B) STATE 106190

1. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN REF B REMAIN IN EFFECT.

2. DESPITE THEIR STATED RESTRICTIONS, TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES WILL GENERALLY ADMIT JOURNALISTS TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA AT LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT IN NICOSPY. JOURNALIST MUST PRESENT VALID PRESS CARD AND APPLY AT CHECKPOINT AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF PROPOSED ENTRY. OTHER PERSONS MAY SIMILARLY APPLY FOR ENTRY TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA FROM SOUTH, AND APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED ON CASE BY CASE BASIS, ALTHOUGH PERSONS OF GREEK ETHNIC BACKGROUND ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE ADMITTED. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH VISITORS TO "TFSC" AREA RETURN TO GOC AREA THROUGH CHECKPOINT AND EXIT CYPRUS AT GOC PORT. THIS WILL PRECLUDE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES IF PERSON WISHES TO MAKE FUTURE VISITS TO GOC CONTROLLED AREA.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOC IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE INSTRUCTED TO ADMIT FOREIGNERS APPLYING FOR ENTRY FROM ABROAD AT APPROVED PORTS OF ENTRY (LARNACA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND LIMASSOL SEA PORTS, LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

REGARDLESS OF PREVIOUS "TFSC" VISA OR ENTRY/EXIT STAMPS
IN PASSPORT. EMBASSY HAS INQUIRED WHETHER GOC WOULD
CONTINUE TO ADMIT PERSON WHOSE PASSPORT SHOWS EVIDENCE
OF REQUENT USE OF PORTS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA AND WE
WILL ADVISE FURTHER CONCERNING NECESSITY FOR OR ADVISABILITY OF SCEON
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PASSPORT IN SUCH CASES. WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS, GOC DOES NOT
REPEAT NOT ALLOW TRAVELER TO CROSS CEASEFIRE LINE INTO
SOUTH IF HE ARRIVED IN CYPRUS AT PORT IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED
AREA. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE SUCH CROSSING ONLY
RPT ONLY IN CASES OF GENUINE URGENCY.
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